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SUB: FELLI STATEMENT ON RETURN FROM ADDIS

1. ON HIS RETURN FROM ADDIS ABABA OAU MEETING, JAN 17, COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF ANTI-MPLA GROUP AND OF WEST IN STATEMENT TO LOCAL PRESS.

2. HE SAID QUOTE VILE PROPAGANDA OF THE WESTERN PRESS UNQUOTE CREATED CONFUSION AT ADDIS BY EQUATING SUPPORT FOR MPLA AS SOLE GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA WITH SUPPORT FOR A QUOTE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER UNQUOTE IN THAT COUNTRY. HE ALSO CONDEMNED SOME AFRICAN STATES WHICH FOUND SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION NO DIFFERENCE IN PRINCIPLE FROM THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA AND THEN RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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HEARSED OLD ARGUMENTS THAT SOVIET HAD ASSISTED LIBERATION

MOVEMENTS FOR MANY YEARS AND THAT BOTH THE USSR AND CUBA WERE
IN ANGOLA AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT (MPLA)
RECOGNIZED BY QUOTE MOST UNQUOTE AFRICAN STATES.

3. AT ANOTHER POINT IN STATEMENT FELLI CONDEMNED ALL
FOREIGN INTERVENTION SAYING QUOTE IF THEY STOP POKING THEIR
NOSES INTO OUR AFFAIRS, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO SOLVE OUR OWN
PROBLEMS. UNQUOTE

4. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INDICATIONS THAT ACHE-
AMPONG'S UNILATERAL RECOGNITION OF MPLA HAS NOT BEEN WELL
RECEIVED EITHER BY FELLI OR BY MFA OFFICIALS. UPPER VOLTAN
AMBASSADOR HAS STATED THAT HE HAD GONE SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST
TO FELLI THAT HE RESIGN ON BASIS OF LACK OF CONSULTATION AND
CITED SOME EARLIER INSTANCES WHEN FELLI'S PREDECESSOR,
KWAME BAATH, WAS SIMILARLY OUT IN LEFT
FIELD WHEN ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE FROM CASTLE. WE DO NOT
EXPECT GRATUITOUS ADVICE TO BE FOLLOWED, BUT MFA OFFICIALS
FEEL THAT GHANA LOST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY MEDIATORY
ROLE AT ADDIS BY PREEMPTORY RECOGNITION.
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